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Row over gipsy site locations flares up

A ROW has broken out over three new sites put forward as possible locations for gipsy and traveller pitches in Wyre Forest.

A group of councillors set up to discuss the issue put forward three sites on top of seven already being discussed by council chiefs.

But the leader of the council has said the three new suggestions are not suitable.

The sites are land at Clows Top Garage, Clows Top, near Bewdley, the former Yieldingtree Packing site at Hackman's Gate off the A450, and a site at Hoorbrook Trading Estate in Kidderminster.

The district council says it needs to identify 43 more pitches for gipsies and travellers by 2022, as well as a site for travelling show people.

Council leader John Campion, speaking on behalf of the majority Conservative group, said: "We are aware of the unnecessary worry that could be caused to some communities by these sites being suggested."

"We will not support these sites. We believe the need can be met through regularising existing and pending sites within Sandy Lane industrial estate in Stourport."

The three sites will be discussed at a public meeting of Wyre Forest's scrutiny committee on January 30 at 6pm in Stourport Civic Hall.

Escape probe to take place

A GOVERNMENT inquiry is to take place into the escape of suspected killer John Anslow.

Justice Secretary Kenneth Clarke said the raid outside Hewell Grange jail was a "well-orchestrated armed ambush".

Anslow, of Tipton, who is charged with the murder of father-of-two Richard Deakin, escaped on Monday when his prison van was halted by a gang. An international hunt is under way.

PLAN FOR £10m LEISURE CENTRE

By Lee Watton

A £10.1 million leisure centre and sports hall is planned for the Wyre Forest district to replace facilities which are outdated, and to save cash over the next 30 years.

Wyre Forest District Council's cabinet will decide whether to pursue the scheme at a meeting on January 31. The move follows a review of services in the area which was carried out last year.

The new centre would include six courts, a 25-metres swimming pool, a learner pool, fitness suite and pitches for five-a-side football. If approved the new building would replace the existing Wyre Forest Glades leisure centre, in Kidderminster, which is considered outdated.

But the council has not revealed where it wants to build the new centre for fear of compromising future negotiations.

Bosses are also working on an asset transfer scheme for Stourport Sports Centre but admitted they had so far been unsuccessful in finding anyone to take over the site.

The council also wants to transfer the management of Bewdley Leisure Centre and its playing fields.

Plans have been drawn up following a review of leisure facilities in the district. The review was launched as existing management contracts for the centres are coming to an end.

Officials are now looking to extend the council's contract with DC Leisure, which runs the sites, from March 2013 until March 2015.

Affordable

This will keep the leisure centres running in the short term. It would also give the council time to organise the building of the new centre and find new people to run the facilities in Stourport and Bewdley.

The council said creating a new leisure centre would cost them £7.5 million less over the next 30 years than maintaining the existing sites.

Wyre Forest District Council's cabinet member for community well-being, Councillor Tracey Onslow, said: "A thorough review of all the options available to the council was conducted."

Councillor Onslow added that many residents took part in the consultation and the final recommendation was that building a new centre was by far the most affordable and the most sustainable of the options available.

"It will continue to offer fair and relevant access to a broad range of sports and activities."

County councillor for Bewdley, Councillor John Campion said: "This investment in our town is really good news as it aims to tackle some of the issues local people have raised."

Legend Paul's tribute marathon



Kidderminster Harriers legend Paul Davies gets ready for his marathon effort

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS legend Paul "Ocker" Davies is to run the London Marathon in memory of a former team-mate who lost a battle with prostate cancer.

Chris Jones was in the 1987 FA Trophy-winning Harriers squad and died at Compton Hospice last September. He was 56.

Paul, Chris's team mate and friend is running the marathon in April to raise money for The Prostate Cancer Charity. Paul, the Conference's all-time top striker with 307 goals who now lives just outside Stourport, said: "Chris was a lovely man with a wonderful family who was well liked by everyone who knew him."

People can contribute to Paul's fundraising effort by logging on to www.justgiving.com/ocker295

£10,000 reward in hunt for murderer

A £10,000 reward has been offered for information which will lead police to the killer of retired teacher Betty Yates.

Mrs Yates was stabbed and beaten at her Bewdley cottage. She was 77.

Detectives are investigating two typed letters containing information about the murder which they received.

They do not believe they were written by the killer but officers say they gave different information and were written by two people.

Police are not ruling out the possibility that Mrs Yates knew her killer.

When officers found Mrs Yates' body at 9am on January 4 the doors had been locked and the blinds had been drawn. Her house keys and purse are still missing.

Charity Crimestoppers is offering a reward of up to £10,000 for information that leads to the conviction of those responsible. The report can be made anonymously.

Detectives also want to speak to a man who was seen walking alone close to the murder scene at around 8.30pm on January 2.

He was white, in his 20s and was wearing a thigh length dark coloured jacket.

Officers stress this is only one of many lines of inquiry.

Anyone with information should call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

MP raising postal fears

MARK GARNIER, MP for Wyre Forest, was today (Thursday) meeting Royal Mail bosses to discuss the possible closure of the Stourport delivery office.

Mr Garnier said: "Many people and businesses are worried about the impact the closure could have on their mail service."

"This meeting will be an opportunity for concerns to be aired and for the Royal Mail to explain why they have made these proposals."

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Victoria Carpets' rebels urge directors to quit

TWO directors of Kidderminster carpet company Victoria have been urged to resign by the rebel shareholders seeking to take control of the firm.

The rebels want chairman Nikki Beckett and non-executive director Peter Jensen to quit to make way for four new directors, including Katherine Innes Ker as new chairman and Alexander Anton, a member of the company's founding family and a past chairman of Victoria.

Shoppers in rush to help fall man, 85

A MYSTERY good Samaritan rushed to help when great-grandfather Francis James Cullen collapsed on an escalator in WH Smith in Kidderminster.

The man stopped Mr Cullen's fall and helped him up.

Mr Cullen, 85, of Hurcott Road, Kidderminster, remembers nothing of the fall, and when his head cleared the man had gone.

"I would love to thank him for what he did," said Mr Cullen. "And three schoolgirls in blue uniforms insisted on staying with me until the ambulance came. They were very kind. I'd like to say thank you to them as well."

Mr Cullen was left with cuts to his head and severe bruising.

The company's management, led by managing director Alan Bullock, have rejected the move and put the company up for sale.

HSBC Global Custody Nominee, acting for Mr Anton and New Fortress Finance Holdings, which holds 18.4 per cent of Victoria's shares, have requisitioned a general meeting of shareholders to vote on the directors.

Victoria's management has until the end of February to find a buyer and must hold the meeting by early March.

In a statement to the City, the four proposed directors said: "The board is ignoring the wish of approximately 46 per cent of shareholders. Instead they have taken the extraordinary step of putting the company up for sale...which is unlikely to deliver best value to shareholders. The two current non-executive directors should resign."

Jo slimming to boost hospice



Jo Skidmore with hospice fundraiser Ele Millward

A MOTHER of two is hoping to lose pounds in weight and to pile up pounds for charity at the same time, by embarking on a fitness challenge.

Jo Skidmore, of Kidderminster, has set herself the target of losing 10st.

She wants to combine her personal challenge with raising money for a good cause. She currently weighs 20st 5lbs.

The part-time Tesco worker is now asking people to support her effort to help Kemp Hospice by donating cash for every pound she loses in weight.

All of the cash raised will be donated to the hospice, in Mason Road, Kidderminster, which serves the Wyre Forest area.

The 38-year-old said: "It suddenly struck me that I would love to ask people to sponsor me to lose weight."

People can pledge cash and follow her progress on www.justgiving.com/Jo-Skidmore

People can also help with sponsorship by calling 01562 756066 or sending an e-mail to elemillward@kemp-hospice.org.uk

Harriers' history to be relived

TICKETS are still available for an event which will relive Kidderminster Harriers' first game in the Football League.

A video of the Harriers' home clash against Torquay in August 2000 will be shown in full on January 30 at 7pm.

It will be followed by a question and answer session with former players.

The historic game was played in front of a crowd of over 5,000 at Aggborough.

Stuart Hadley and Barry Horne scored the goals to help the side to a 2-0 victory.

The side managed by Jan Molby went on to have a successful first season in the league after winning the Conference title and promotion in 1999/2000.

The Harriers side included fans' favourites such as Adie Smith, Craig Hinton, Paul Webb, Dean Bennett and Ian Foster.

The event has been organised by the Kidderminster Harriers Independent Supporters Club (KHIST).

Tickets are £3 and available from KHIST board members. More details are available by logging on to www.khist.org.uk

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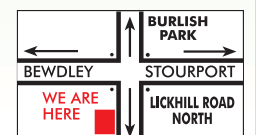
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Man, 20, attacked on canal towpath

A MAN was attacked and his bag with electrical equipment was stolen as he walked along a canal towpath in Kidderminster.

The 20-year-old victim had just left Tesco when he was attacked.

He was listening to his iPod when he was struck from behind as he made his way along the path in the direction of Castle Road.

He fell to the ground and the attackers made off with his bag.

The bag, which contained a laptop, Nintendo DS, MP3 player and computer games was later recovered near the Watermill pub in Park Lane.

Three youths have been arrested on suspicion of robbery.

The victim suffered scratches and cuts and was taken to Kidderminster Hospital.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Det Con Jim Crowther at West Mercia Police on 0300 333 3000.

Online history

PEOPLE delving into their family history in Worcestershire can use a new online service to browse lists of a wide range of archives.

It has been introduced by Worcestershire County Council's Archives and Archaeological Service. To access it visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/records

Work starts to build £4m primary school

WORK is under way to build a £4 million primary school in Wyre Forest, which education chiefs say will deliver "a high-class 21st century curriculum".

The school is being built in Chaddesley Corbett off the A448 Kidderminster to Bromsgrove road on part of a field near Rowberry's Nurseries. The project will see the merger of Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary School and Stone First School, bringing 210 pupils together on one site.

An artist's impression of the new school has been released.

It shows what the new building will look like when it is completed in 12 months. Part of the existing Chaddesley Corbett school site, in Lower Chaddesley, will be retained including a nursery.

Milestone

New caretaker's accommodation, redeveloped playing fields, car parking and access from the main road are also proposed in the scheme.

Headteacher James Hawthorn said the building work marked a milestone for the school.

Modern buildings with sloped roofs and large glass windows are the main features of the development.

Mr Hawthorn added: "To see the initial steps in the new year is the best possible start to 2012 for all connected with the school."

by Andrew Turton

He added: "Children, staff and parents can look forward to an exciting and pivotal 12 months in our schools' long and proud history."

The governors have appointed A&H Construction to build the school and the multi-million project is scheduled to take around 11 months.

Architects Boughton Butler drew up the plans which include a central courtyard space.

New school signs are already erected on site and the first excavations under way.

The project team will give a presentation to the community next month as the site begins to take shape.

The school serves the rural community between Kidderminster and Bromsgrove.

Chaddesley Corbett school opened in September 2007, during a reorganisation of education services in Worcestershire.



Work on the new school gets under way. Front are Joseph Gordon-Jones, head James Hawthorn and Elle-May Northway. Inset, how the school will look



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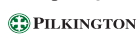
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£10,000 grant is boost for civic centre takeover

Digging in for homes



Left to right, Ken Harrison, Wyre Forest Council, David Campbell-Kelly, Bellway MD, Councillor John Campion council leader, and Yvonne Leishman, MD of the Community Housing Group.

BELLWAY HOMES have started work on their second site in Kidderminster.

The site in Clensmore Street, a derelict industrial estate, will accommodate 223 homes of which 49 affordable homes will be sold to the Community Housing Group.

The development, named Keepers Lock because of its canal frontage,

will provide one to four-bedroom homes from around £95,000.

David Campbell-Kelly, of Bellway, said: "Our first site in Kidderminster has been extremely popular and we have every confidence in Keepers Lock. The development will enable us to return an otherwise redundant area back to community use and enhance the local area."

PLANS to transfer Stourport Civic Centre into community ownership have received a boost – a grant of nearly £10,000.

Stourport councillors Jim Parish and John Thomas of Worcestershire County Council awarded the funds to the Stourport Facilities Project, which is being run by regeneration group Stourport Forward.

Stourport Forward hopes to establish a multi-hub facility at the civic centre when Wyre Forest District Council vacates the site in June.

The grant of £9,600 came from the county council's divisional fund scheme and Councillor Parish said: "Councillor Thomas and I are very pleased to be able to support the continued development of plans for the proposed transfer of Stourport Civic Centre into community ownership."

"As a member of the Stourport Facilities Project steering group I am extremely keen for the civic centre to continue to serve the needs of the people of Stourport."

In October the district council approved in principle a business case for the project.

Since then the group has been working towards developing a business plan, establishing a holding body and generating funds ahead of possibly taking over the management of the site in June.

Chair of Stourport Forward, Pauline Annis, said: "We are so grateful for this support. This is an extremely complex project, but this grant has enabled us to continue to support it."

Appeal to donate blood

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LETTERS

Only fortunate few will use HS2

HS2 has got the nod, at an estimated cost of a mere £32 billion. We can now build our very own high-speed railway.

The chairman of HS2 Plc assures us that the cost will not rise over the time it takes to construct this project, and indeed he fully expects it to come in under budget and on time.

Exactly what planet does he live on?

But not to worry about costs and schedules, we are assured this project will generate 20,000 jobs in the UK. Have we any guarantee that it will not also attract 20,000 immigrants from all over Europe to fill those jobs?

British employers are fond of telling us that foreign labour is more reliable than the home-grown variety, but the bottom line is that it is cheaper. It all comes down to money and, in the end, immigrant labourers work for poorer wages and conditions than we do.

I wonder who will get the contract to build the new coaches that will be required for the new super trains. Will it go, as it ought to, to our own Bombardier, or will it once again be awarded to a German competitor? Only time will tell.

At the end of the day we must ques-

tion whether it will ever be used as intended – as a fast, efficient means of transport made available to the country as a whole, or will it be restricted to those fortunate few who can afford the price of a ticket?

Most of the voices in favour of HS2 are well heeled businessmen, who say it will be beneficial to the country, but of course they would, wouldn't they?

They will be the only ones with the wherewithal to use it.

**B Parsons,
Millard Road,
Coseley.**

Exporting undermines UK's own industries

WHILE working as a sales representative, (1965-1981) I developed a theory. The so-called Queens Award to Industry for Exports was detrimental, as well as an incentive. Life since then has proved me right.

One of my customers was Courtaulds Engineering. One of its main lines was textile making machinery, which was sold all over the world, for which it was awarded the Queens Award. So called under-developed countries purchased this machinery and started making materials, which were then sold back to the UK.

Courtaulds also had another branch which made textiles. Do I need to go further?

People wonder why there is no work.

**Peter Cole,
Chelford Crescent,
Kingswinford.**

LETTERS to the Editor

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Celebrities should try some hard work

ARE there others out there who are like me fed up with the word "celebrity"? Big Brother, Come Dine With Me, Mastermind, Come Dancing, Skating on Ice, Weakest Link. When it comes on the screen out the room I go.

These stars already earn enough. Celebrity Jungle – what a joke! They don't go in because they're broke. Once they crack the celeb game they then acquire much greater fame. Now they've achieved this recognition the sky's the limit.

The working public deserve more praise, with mortgages to pay and families to raise, working all hours to make ends meet. They can't give up or admit defeat.

Stop parading these show-offs. Please put an end to celebrity shows that must be getting up everyone's nose! Haven't they better things to do than acting like "the chosen few"?

I have an idea, that celebs would think funny. How about them working hard for their money?

**Pauline Rickson,
Sebright Road,
Wolverley, Kidderminster.**

Cameron romance can keep us warm

I HAD to smile at the newspaper headline "Cameron keeps the romance alive".

Picture the scene, Big Dave quaffing champagne with Samantha, log fire in the background, and a man (Nick Clegg) in sandals gently plucking a violin while on the other side of the room, George Osborne consults Whittaker's Almanac for his economic forecast.

Whilst Cameron and co strut around in Bermuda shorts, some pensioners, unemployed and the low paid will be huddled around a one-bar fire, wondering if they should "heat or eat".

Perhaps Big Dave could send everyone a heart-warming photo which we could use to keep warm from their glowing smug smiles.

**Mr C Lloyd,
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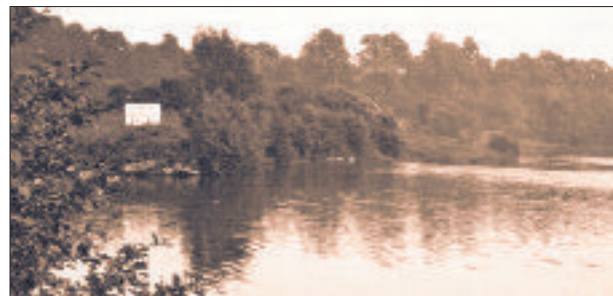
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Stourport Boat Club, which was founded in 1876. It hosts a popular regatta



Stourport Power Station, pictured in 1969



The picturesque Lincomb weir, guarded by a single warning notice



The steamer Miss Jason with passengers in 1969



The Holt Castle travels through Lincomb lock in 1909

Severn's tide brought town power and fun

BY its very name, Stourport-on-Severn is immediately recognisable as a focal point on Britain's longest river.

And the town's many beauty spots and links with the River Severn have been archived in a dedicated chapter of a book, *The Severn, Arley to Avonmouth Through Time*, by Kidderminster author Jan Dobrzynski.

One such landmark is Stourport Boat Club, which has stood on the riverside since 1876.

It was built to promote boating but these days the club specialises in rowing and has junior, senior and veteran sections.

It also hosts the popular annual regatta in August.

Slightly downstream from the boat club is the site of the town's old power station.

Two pictures in Mr Dobrzynski's book depict the station in 1969,



when it was still operational. It had been opened 42 years earlier by then Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin.

It was built at the confluence of the River Stour with the Severn, near to the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal for transporting coal.

Channels

A narrow gauge railway operated between the hoppers at Severn Road and the canal, where coal boats were unloaded.

Lincomb weir and lock were popular places for steamers – including Miss Jason and the largest steamer on the Severn, The Holt Castle – to travel to during the 20th century.

Built on the site of Cloth House Ford, Lincomb lock was constructed on the east bank of the river on dry land and channels were dug to connect with the two gates.

All the weirs and locks on the Severn were built by the Admiralty in the 1840s to raise river levels on the tidal river and aid navigation.

The Severn was tidal all the way to Worcester and Stourport's Lincomb weir and lock is the first and uppermost, counting down river.

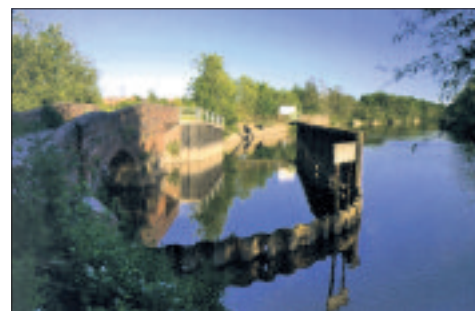
The locks are uniformly built and are 100 feet long and 20 feet wide.

More images and information on the Severn in Stourport are available in *The Severn, Arley to Avonmouth Through Time*, which costs £14.99.

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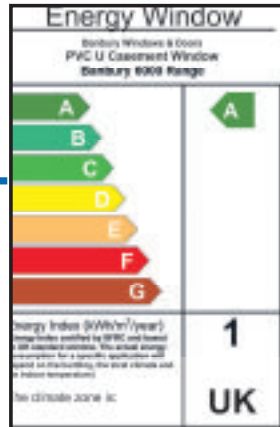


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Family support group wins prestigious award

A SUPPORT group to help families of premature babies has scooped a national award. Dudley Borough Bliss Family Group has won the Bliss annual Support Group of the Year award at the Mother & Baby Big Heart Awards.

Mums Joanne Weston from Stourbridge and Christina Nicholls, from Brierley Hill, who started the group in 2009, and parent turned Bliss volunteer and group organiser Rebecca Cottingham, of Pensnett, were presented with the award at a ceremony in London.

The group meets once a month at Stourbridge Children's Centre for children to play while parents chat and share experiences. For information call 07815 454457.

Youngsters get sporting invitation

A MAJOR Festival of Sport to tie in with the Olympics is being held in Wyre Forest during the February half term - and young people are being encouraged to take part.

The district council is planning two sporting events - the Olympic Roadshow and Olympic Fit. Both are for 11-year-olds and over. The Olympic Roadshow is on February 13 to February 16 at Stourport Sports Club. Each day between 10.00 and noon, youngsters can play a sport, learn new skills and take part in fun competitions.

Boost for brigade on way thanks to carnival

BOYS' BRIGADE members are gearing up for a major boost to their minibus appeal after being chosen as this year's charity for Kidderminster Carnival.

The 1st Kidderminster brigade, based at Milton Hall Baptist Church, has raised £2,000 towards its £6,000 appeal launched last summer for a vehicle.

Lieutenant Graham Knight said: "Our old minibus is on its last legs and we desperately need a new one. Hopefully, the contribution from the carnival will go a long way towards our target and we are very grateful to have been chosen."

Carnival chairman Colin Hill, who has returned to the role following the resignation of Steve Walker, said the brigade had been chosen because its band had supported the carnival for many years, playing in the street procession and its successor the foot parade, which was launched last year.

"I hope people will support our efforts on behalf of the Boys' Brigade, which provides many activities for youngsters and also raises money for other charities," said Mr Hill.

The carnival on June 23 at Brinton Park will feature stalls, sideshows and entertainment. Anyone wanting to take part in the carnival should contact Mr Hill on 01562 751634.

There is netball on Monday, football on Tuesday, hockey on Wednesday and a paralympic roadshow on Thursday, which will give all young people the chance to take part in disability sports such as boccia, box hockey and many more.

The sessions cost £5 per day or £10 for the four days. To book a place call 01562 732999.

Olympic Fit is for young people with a learning or physical disability. The free sessions are from 1.30pm and 3.30.

Sessions

They are being held at Wyre Forest Glades Leisure Centre on February 13 to February 17. Participants will have an hour of various sports in the hall followed by an hour of swimming. Places are limited. To book call 01562 732974 or 07779 628995.

Councillor Tracey Onslow, Wyre Forest District Council's Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community well-being said: "These sessions are a great opportunity for youngsters to be more active, as well as being a great way to kick start our Olympic Year."

"There are more Olympic themed events being planned to bring the spirit of the Games to Wyre Forest."

Country walks

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Care home residents get a pub of their own

RESIDENTS of a care home in Worcestershire are toasting a new "local" attraction - their own private pub.

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The pub was set up with part of a £3,750 grant from Worcester Dementia Standard.

The rest of the grant has been used for improvements to a "snoozelum" at the home, run by Redditch-based Alpha Care Homes.

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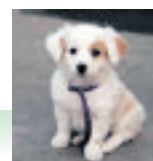
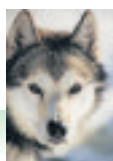
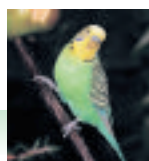
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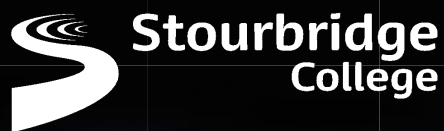
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The open event is taking place on Saturday, January 28, between 10am and 2pm. See first hand what college life is really like. Go along and see for yourself what facilities are on offer, what courses are available and what our locations are like.

The college has recently invested in a new fitness suite and iZone breakout area for students at the Hagley Road Centre.

You'll get the chance to meet staff, lecturers as well as support staff who will show you around giving you information about what you can expect when you attend Stourbridge College.

Stourbridge College is offering visitors to their open events the chance to apply for a course online - on the day.

If you know what you want to do and you are keen to sign up, Stourbridge College has the technology in place to help you secure your place now. Register for one of the open events at www.stourbridge.ac.uk and you'll get the chance to win a £100



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Refer to individual course information sheets available on the website www.stourbridge.ac.uk/he



Relax - Stourbridge College students making use of the new iZone facilities, based at the Hagley Road Centre

Results shoot up at booming Baxter College



Baxter College students celebrate exam success

BXATER College in Kidderminster has completed another very successful year.

The past eight years have brought continuous improvement from the crisis-ridden days after the millennium, when closure seemed imminent, to the most-improved specialist school in the country.

GCSE results 5 A*-C have shot up from 13 per cent in 2003 to 95 per cent in 2011. Numbers on roll have grown from 421 to 1050 in the same period, as confidence in the school has risen. Its standing locally, regionally and nationally has been recognised by accolades including 14 National Teaching Awards, Business Awards, Diana Awards and local Tryangle Awards.

Principal Dave Seddon puts this success down to the quality of schooling, which he says comes not from a

national policy document but "a crucial relationship between two human beings, the teacher and the student".

He said: "Probably the single most important role I fulfil is to attract, recruit and retain quality staff. I have been in teaching for almost 40 years and have never come across a more dedicated or inspirational group of people than the Baxter staff".

The next stages of the improvement will be exciting with the creation of a Learning Village on the Habberley Road site, which will include the new Wyre Forest Special School, new buildings for St John's Primary and Baxter College and improved facilities for the community.

In addition, Baxter has registered to become an academy and consultation will follow in the New Year.

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Family members are encouraged to be involved with the nursery and there are special days for fathers and grandparents who may not have the opportunity to see how the nursery is run on a daily basis.

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COMMERCIAL FEATURE

Report endorses efforts by school

THE breadth of education offered here at King Charles I School is clearly illustrated and is something that we have always been proud of.

However, it was a fantastic feeling to gain Ofsted's endorsement that: "King Charles I is a good school that puts students at the heart of everything it does."

Students are unanimously supportive of their teachers, and relationships are extremely good in lessons.

Over three quarters of lessons seen by inspectors were judged to be good, with examples of outstanding practice; none were unsatisfactory."

The attention given to students' individual, personal, social and academic needs is a strength of the school."

Pleased

My thanks go out to our dedicated and hardworking staff and pupils, and to our parents who give strong guidance and support to their children.

Quite rightly, the lead Ofsted inspector stated that we should be very proud of our young pupils.

There is much to be pleased about in the October 2011 report but there is nothing that came to us as a surprise.

"We have made great strides since the 2009 Ofsted and we must do the same, in the coming years, to gain outstanding recognition at all three key stages.

That journey has already begun and we expect KS4 and 5 results that mirror this, in August of this year.

2012 will witness another key change in the School's history, when we become an Academy in our own right.

In December 2011, Alan Neal, Chair of the Governing Body, received a letter from Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education, informing us that our application to become an Academy had been successful.



Tim Gulliver, headteacher of King Charles I School, in Kidderminster

This is another endorsement of where the school is and where it is going in the future.

If you are interested in finding out more about our school then I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

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Numbers count at Franche primary



The Numbers Count pupils with their certificates at the special graduation assembly, left to right, Joseph Edwards, Alfie Wilson, Callum Bannister, Ophelia Haycox O'Toole, Lisa-Marie Hussey, Jai Pullen

YEAR 2 children at Franche Community Primary School celebrated success in mathematics after completing a programme entitled Numbers Count. Six children took part in the programme, part of the Every Child Counts initiative, in the autumn term, and saw up to 18 months' progress in just three months.

Under the initiative children have one-to-one or small group daily support from specially trained teacher Serena Gammond.

She said: "With individual lesson plans, these children have all made really good improvement and should

continue to improve as they progress through the school. They have all done extremely well and it was wonderful to be able to award them with their certificates and gifts."

After one term in the Numbers Count programme most children return to their class as more confident and independent learners.

Their progress is carefully monitored and if there is a dip, the Numbers Count teacher and the class teacher work together to plan the most appropriate support to get them back on track.

Gail Evans, Numeracy Co-ordinator at Franche added: "We are delighted with the accelerated progress our chil-

dren have made. Their confidence has increased considerably."

The school invited parents to a special graduation assembly on January 17. The children wore robes and received certificates and prizes.

Jonathan Haycox O'Toole, parent of Ophelia aged seven, said: "We are immensely proud of Ophelia's achievements and can't thank Franche Community Primary School enough for all their hard work. She really has come on so well this term."

For further information about Franche Community Primary School or the Numbers Count initiative please call 01562 751788 or see www.francheprimary.org.uk



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Questionnaire

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The Government is keen to know the level of interest from local families who would wish to send their children to this Free School and benefit from the School's excellent education free of charge and therefore we require interested families to complete the **Evidence of Demand Questionnaire** which can be found on line at www.holytrinity.co.uk

The School offers a warm co-ed family atmosphere in which children receive a highly individual education and enjoys excellent examination results. Class sizes throughout the School will be restricted to a maximum of 22 and in some cases less. From September 2014 the School plans to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme in its refurbished Sixth Form Centre.

You can also complete this questionnaire online by visiting (www.holytrinity.co.uk) and for more information about HTIS and to view a selection of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Free Schools.

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WOLVERHAMPTON three-piece The Town are making an appearance in Cannock tomorrow night (Friday).

Singer-songwriter Jack Fletcher, bass player Clayton Cross and drummer Tom Stanforth make up the group, which formed in 2009.

Supporting them on the night will be Ska2Nite, plus a mod 'n' soul disco.

The gig takes place at the Tackeroo pub on Bracken Close, Hednesford and doors open at 8pm.

Tickets are £5 on the door.

Comic Dodd to tickle audience

LEGENDARY comedian Ken Dodd is due in Cannock next week (Monday 30) as part of his latest tour.

The undisputed master of mirth returns to the Prince of Wales Centre in what is already a sell-out show.

The professor of Giggology and master of applied Tickleology at Knotty Ash University promises non-stop laughter until the wee small hours.

Best of British

THE Cannock Festival Chorus is rehearsing for its spring concert, called the Best of British, which takes place on Saturday, May 12 at Trinity Church, in Hidesford. The group meets on Mondays at 7.30pm at Chadsmoor Methodist Church.

And the crowd goes wild ... for TV host Packham

THE AUDIENCE is sure to go totally wild when BBC television presenter Chris Packham brings his one-man show to the Lichfield Garrick.

Wildlife expert and photographer Packham has become a regular on TV screens, featuring on programmes like The Really Wild Show, Springwatch and Autumnwatch.

Rat Pack in return to centre

SMOOTH singers The Rat Pack are returning to Cannock with their Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular.

The show is a tribute to Sammy Davis, Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin and includes a host of classic tunes.

Come Fly With Me, Mack the Knife, Me and My Shadow, Something Stupid, New York New York, Let's Face the Music and Dance and Lady is a Tramp will all be on the Rat Pack menu.

Their performance takes place at the Cannock Prince of Wales Centre on Friday February 24. Tickets are £20 from calling the box office on 01543 578762.

Away from the small screen, Packham is involved in numerous wildlife and conservation charities, including The Bat Conservation Trust, RSPB and Mammals Trust UK.

His show at the Garrick, called Chris Packham Goes Totally Wild, will see the 40-year-old present his latest collection of images from the wild.

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Folk trio make welcome return to hall



Folk trio Whalebone are making a welcome return to Cheslyn Hay village hall on February 4

CRITICALLY-acclaimed folk trio Whalebone make a welcome return to Cheslyn Hay village hall following a sell-out concert there last year.

The concert is at the Pinfold Lane venue on Saturday, February 4 and is part of the group's 2012 Origins tour.

It will feature high-energy acoustic music alongside haunting atmospheric tunes.

The show includes brand-new material, inventive interpretations of traditional music, rock classics and original material from their award winning album 'Three Fires', along with tall tales, folklore and the myths which inspired the music.

Friends

"We're really pleased to be coming back to this lovely hall" said Whalebone frontman Steve Downs.

"We had a wonderful night here last year, and are looking forward to seeing some old friends and hopefully making lots of new ones."

Tickets are £7.50, and are available from Michelle at the Village Hall on 01922 410483 or online at www.ticket-source.co.uk/whalebone.

For more information see www.whalebone-music.com, or follow Whalebone on Facebook or Twitter.

A night to remember Titanic at Guildhall

A YEAR of events to mark the anniversary of the Titanic disaster kicks off at the Lichfield Guildhall next week.

Performers from the Liverpool Maritime Museum will bring the luxury and terror of the fateful night to life on Wednesday (February 1) at 7pm.

Events above and below deck from April 14, 1912, will unfold as actress Emma Walsley tells the story of the opulence of first class on the infamous ship in 'The Night the Lights Went Out'.

Iceberg

Emma plays Emily Broughton Williams, a first class passenger who recounts her experience while in a hotel room in New York, waiting to return home to England.

Following that will be The Quartermasters Story, in which Dave Brown tells the tale of Robert Hichens, the man steering the ship when it hit the iceberg.

Admission is free but availability is limited. Tickets can be collected in advance from the Lichfield City Council offices at 53 Wade Street, the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum, Market Square, or Lichfield Tourist Information in the Garrick Theatre.

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6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** British Olympic Dreams - A Winter Youth Olympic Special. **1.30** Live Athletics. Coverage of the International Match from Glasgow's Kelvin Hall. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.35** Winter Vipeout.

6.35 The Magicians. The professional illusionists are joined by more famous faces to perform another selection of tricks.

7.50 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the show in which strangers pair up to win money.

8.40 Casualty. Linda is forced to take her errant sister's children to the ED so she can supervise them, and Dylan struggles to treat a homeless alcoholic (Billy Boyd from Lord of the Rings).

9.30 BBC News; Weather.

9.50 FILM: The Rock. (1996) An FBI chemical weapons expert and a jailed SAS veteran must break into Alcatraz to bring down a renegade general and his men. Action thriller, with Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage; National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Football League.

12.35 Film: The Cat and the Canary. (1978) Thriller, starring Honor Blackman. **2.10** Weatherview. **2.15** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** Live Tennis: Australian Open. The women's singles final. **11.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Film: Island in the Sky. (1953) Action adventure, starring John Wayne. **1.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.30** Live Bowls. The World Indoor Championships semi-finals. **4.35** Film: Galaxy Quest. (1999) Sci-fi comedy, starring Tim Allen.



6.10 Flog It! From the Prince's Theatre in Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire.

7.10 Dad's Army. The platoon competes for the honour of guarding a VIP. (R)

7.40 Timewatch. The 1939 debutante season. (R)

8.30 FILM: The Duchess. (2008) An 18th-century duchess enduring a troubled marriage is driven into the arms of a prominent politician. Fact-based drama, starring Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes and Dominic Cooper.

10.10 Pan Am. Colette meets Dean's parents.

10.50 Pan Am. Kate must fake a lie detector test to save herself from ruin.

11.55 TOTP2: The 60s. New series. The first of three programmes placing the spotlight on hits from the 1960s.

12.05 Bowls. **1.05** Film: Day of the Dead. (1985) Horror sequel, starring Lori Cardille. **2.40** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.25** This Morning. Saturday. **11.55** ITV News; Weather. **12.00** Live FA Cup Football. Liverpool v Manchester United (Kick-off 12.45pm). **3.05** Film: The Incredible Hulk. (2008) Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton. **5.15** Regional News; Weather. **5.30** ITV News; Weather. **5.45** All New You've Been Framed!

6.45 Harry Hill's TV Burp. More choice moments from the show's vaults.

7.15 Take Me Out. A professional golfer, an undertaker, a wedding singer and a fitness model take part. Paddy McGuinness presents.

8.30 The Talent Show Story. How The X Factor became one of TV's biggest shows.

9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, plus Hugh Bonneville, Jack Whitehall and Arctic Monkeys.



10.30 ITV News; Weather. **10.45** FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from today's fourth-round ties.

12.15 Celebrity Juice. **12.50** The Zone: ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.00** Volleyball. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Everyone's Talking About - Top Ten. **9.25** T4: Live and Lost Fizzle Kicks. (R) **9.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** T4: Desperate Scousewives. **11.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** T4: New Girl. (R) **12.30** T4: Playing It Straight. **1.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.05 Channel 4 News. **6.35** 4thought.tv. **6.40** FILM: Crocodile Dundee. (1986) Comedy, starring Paul Hogan.



8.30 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.

10.05 FILM: Clear and Present Danger. (1994) Action thriller, starring Harrison Ford.

12.50 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. (R) **1.35** Friday Night In. (R) **1.45** Film: The Warlords. (2007) Historical adventure, starring Jet Li. **3.40** This Is Me. (R) **3.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.35** 90210. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.10** It's All About Army. (R) **11.10** Celebrity Big Brother: Final. (R) **12.40** Film: Murder, She Said. (1961) Miss Marple mystery, starring Margaret Rutherford. **2.25** Film: Black Horse Canyon. (1954) Western, starring Joel McCrea. **4.05** Film: Man in the Wilderness. (1971) Western, starring Richard Harris and John Huston.

6.05 FILM: Police Academy 3: Back in Training. (1986) The bungling graduates of the police training school return as instructors to save the establishment from closure. Comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg.

7.35 5 News Weekend. **7.40** NCIS. A security guard is killed during a bank robbery. (R)

8.30 NCIS. In a bid to expose a spy in NCIS, Gibbs sends Dinnozzo and Ziva on a decoy mission to retrieve top-secret information from a secure military base. Mark Harmon stars. (R)

9.30 CSI: NY. New series. The team members recall September 11, 2001.

10.30 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. New series. A couple are accused of child abuse by their foster son.

11.30 CSI: NY. A man is found dead on Brooklyn Bridge. (R)

12.25 SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **3.40** American Idol **6.25** Film: Batteries Not Included (1987) **8.30** Take Me Out - The Gossip **8.15** Film: Rumor Has It. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Aniston and Kevin Costner. **11.15** The Only Way Is EssexXmas

ITV4 **12.50** Film: The Big Country (1958) **4.10** Film: The Way West (1967) **6.40** Film: Escape to Victory (1981) **9.00** 20 Football Transfers That Shocked the World. Signings that captured the public's imagination. **10.00** Africa Cup of Nations 11.00 Film: The Hitcher (2007)

BBC THREE **7.00** Doctor Who **8.30** Film: Bee Movie (2007) **9.55** Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2011. Part one of two. **10.50** Family Guy

BBC FOUR **7.00** Survivors: Nature's Indestructible Creatures **8.00** Atlantis: The Evidence - A Timewatch Special **9.00** Borgen **10.55** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.35** Airline: The Story of Pan Am

E4 **1.30** Hollyoaks **4.05** Perfect Couples **5.05** Scrubs **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Beverly Hills Cop II. (1987) Comedy thriller sequel, starring Eddie Murphy. **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **11.55** The Cleveland Show

FILM4 **2.55** Paper Moon. (1973) Drama, starring Ryan and Tatum O'Neal. **5.00** A Walk in the Clouds (1995) **7.00** X-Men. (2000) Mutant outsiders with strange powers defend the human race from a superhuman terrorist faction. Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart. **9.00** Predator. (1987) Sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **11.05** Alien. (1979) Sci-fi horror, starring Sigourney Weaver.

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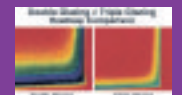


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Sunday TV



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6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.05** EastEnders. **3.00** The Royal Bodyguard. (R) **3.30** Penguin Island. (R) **4.00** Regional Programmes. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.35 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. How the demand for cheap milk threatens the Guernsey breed of cow, and a comparison between animal welfare rules in Europe with those of Britain.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Jenny befriends an ailing veteran soldier (Roy Hudd).

9.00 Birdsong. Stephen is haunted by memories of his affair with Isabelle – only to meet her again as he prepares for the Somme. Conclusion of the drama, with Eddie Redmayne and Clemence Poesy.

10.25 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.50 The One Griff Rhys Jones. Comedy sketches, with Griff Rhys Jones. Last in the series.

11.30 Room 101 – Extra Storage. With Gregg Wallace, Gabby Logan and Sarah Millican.

12.10 Weatherview. **12.15** Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **12.55** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **1.40** Holby City. (R) **2.40** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) **3.40** Rip Off Britain. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.15** Live Tennis: Australian Open. The men's singles final. **12.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.00** Figure Skating. The European Championships. **2.30** Live Bowls. **5.15** Ski Sunday.



6.00 The Last Explorers. Neil Oliver examines the Antarctic explorations of William Speirs Bruce, who set out to conquer the frozen continent in the name of scientific advancement.

7.00 Sir Jimmy Savile at the BBC: How's About That Then? Footage from the BBC archive of the DJ and broadcaster who died in October 2011 at his home in Leeds. (R)

8.00 Top Gear. New series. A trio of supercars are tested in Italy.

9.00 Toughest Place to Be a Bin Man. New series. London dustman Wilbur Ramirez travels to Jakarta, Indonesia.

10.00 God Bless Ozzy Osbourne. A profile of Black Sabbath frontman Ozzy Osbourne.

11.30 FILM: The Science of Sleep. (2006) Premiere. Michel Gondry's fantasy comedy, starring Gael Garcia Bernal and Charlotte Gainsbourg. In French, Spanish and English.

1.10 BBC News. **4.10** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** FA Cup Football Highlights. (R) **11.00** Dinner Date. (R) **12.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.55** ITV News: Weather. **1.00** Live FA Cup Football. Sunderland v Middlesbrough (Kick-off 1.30pm). **4.00** Vera. (R)

6.00 You've Been Framed! Crazy horses, practical jokers and skiers hitting the slopes – literally. (R)

6.25 Regional News; Weather.

6.35 ITV News: Weather. **6.45** Dancing on Ice. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley announce a big twist. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.

8.30 Wild at Heart. A bush fire spirals out of control.

9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two lowest-scoring couples compete.

10.00 That Sunday Night Show. With Ross Noble and Melanie Chisholm.

10.30 ITV News: Weather. **10.45** FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from today's fourth-round ties.

11.30 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union.



12.20 The Zone. Shopping and interactive gaming; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **2.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **7.30** The Mark Webber Tasmania Challenge. **8.25** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **9.15** T4: Hollyoaks. (R) **11.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **1.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Film: Son of the Mask. (2004) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Jamie Kennedy. **4.20** Deal or No Deal. **5.25** Channel 4 News. **5.55** 4thought.tv.

6.00 Time Team. **7.00** Hugh's Three Hungry Boys. The boys reach the halfway point of their adventure.

8.00 The Hotel. Grosvenor manager Mark invests in a computer.



9.00 FILM: The Ghost. (2010) Premiere. A writer is employed to pen the memoirs of a former British prime minister, but finds his life in mortal peril. Political thriller, with Ewan McGregor and Pierce Brosnan.

11.35 FILM: Predator 2. (1990) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Danny Glover.

1.35 Coming Up: Home. A homeless couple go in search of a friend. (R) **2.05** St Elsewhere. (R) **2.50** 90210. (R) **3.35** My Dream Farm. (R) **4.30** Lost Buildings of Britain. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerrots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igan Ogam. (R) **7.05** Footbar and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.35** Angelina Ballerina. **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.50** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.45** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.45** Film: A Ring of Endless Light. (2002) Drama, starring Mischa Barton. **2.30** Film: Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure. (2009) Animated adventure, with the voice of Mae Whitman. **4.05** Film: Fairytale: A True Story. (1997) Fact-based drama, with Harvey Keitel. **5.55** Film: Shanghai Noon. (2000) Comedy Western, starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson.

8.00 World's Greatest Daredevils. (R) **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** FILM: Bad Boys. (1995) Action thriller, starring Will Smith and Martin Lawrence.

11.25 FILM: Storm Catcher. (1999) Action thriller, with Dolph Lundgren.

1.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** County Secrets. (R) **4.10** Great Scientists. (R) **4.40** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **2.00** The National Television Awards 2012 **4.30** New You've Been Framed! **5.00** Film: Free Willy (1993) **7.10** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **9.00** Winners & Losers **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Peter Andre Uncut: Piers Morgan's Life Stories

ITV3 **11.00** Cracker

ITV4

1.30 Film: The Way West (1967) **4.00** Film: The Gunfight at Dodge City (1959) **5.40** Film: Shalako (1968) **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00** Cops with Cameras **10.00** Africa Cup of Nations **11.00** Film: Sweeney! (1977)

BBC THREE

7.00 Junior Doctors: Your Life in Their Hands **9.00** Young Baker of the Year **9.00** Young Soldiers. Catching up with three of the British Army recruits featured in the series. **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents

BBC FOUR

7.00 Timeshift – The Last Days of the Liners **8.00** Treasures of Chinese Porcelain **9.00** Film: Flame and Citron. (2008) Premiere. Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Thure Lindhardt and Mads Mikkelsen. **11.05** Toni and Rosi

E4

4.55 Samantha Who? **5.20** Being Erica **6.15** 90210 **7.15** Film: The Simpsons Movie. (2007) Animated comedy, with the voice of Dan Castellaneta. **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Skins

FILM4

2.50 Carry On Dick (1974) **4.35** Guess Who (2005) **6.45** A Good Year (2006) **9.00** Ghosts of Girlfriends Past. (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Garner. **10.55** Under Siege 2: Dark Territory. (1995) Action adventure sequel, starring Steven Seagal.

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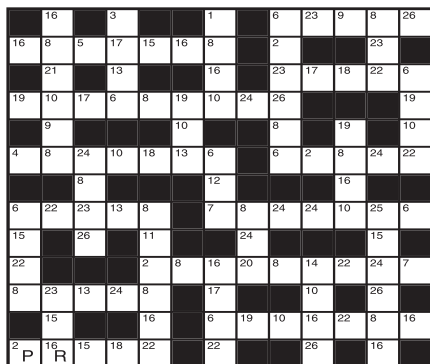
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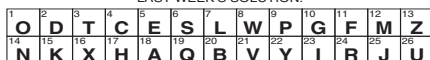
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8. To assign to a particular grade is offensive (4)
9. Those having guests around a long time as prisoners (6)
11. What the guard is doing - not losing time! (7,5)
13. Observe it once perhaps (6)
14. A translation of Proust will produce torpidity (6)
17. Fruit the corn-stalk covers up, we hear (12)
20. This should provide adequate cover for capital (8)
21. This may recount part of an oriental exploit (4)
22. Men of chivalry making a noise among friends (8)
23. Advanced before Easter (4)

Down

1. Taking industrial action is impressive (8)
2. A hundred on trial question the verdict (7)
4. A piece of garden ought to be sufficient (6)
5. They take away the reputation of French farm equipment (10)
6. Is this performed with the aid of a spelling-book? (5)
7. Very necessary for one wishing not to lose the scent (4)
10. Diana's accused and acquitted (10)
12. Not on the wane (8)
15. He has received no commission, but it's not generally known (7)
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18. Drag along the track (5)
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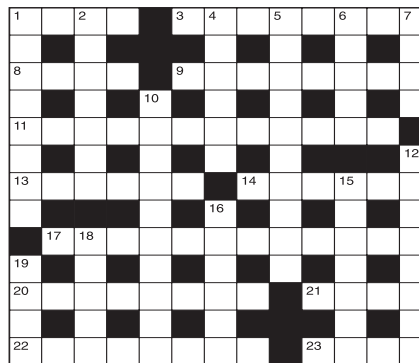
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23. Tidings (4)

Down

1. Perhaps (8)
2. Intricate (7)
4. Cross out (6)
5. Sanguine (10)
6. Watchful (5)
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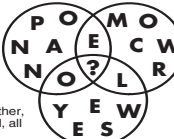
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There's hope for the silent sufferers

It's hard to imagine after losing natural teeth things could ever be quite the same again.

Denture wearers for too long have often tolerated a catalogue of unresolved problems from poor stabilisation, where prosthetics move on the gums, to an inability to eat a healthy diet. Added to the physical challenges are the carefully hidden embarrassing moments and the restrictions of being able to live life impulsively. These issues are further

compounded for some by an emotionally corrosive inability to smile freely.

Denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS (Eng), who heads the team at the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "For some, losing teeth is life changing and not for the better."

But he is keen to send out a message of hope to the silent sufferers with four major treatment models now available at his clinic aimed at reversing "an untold catalogue of misfortunes" and restoring a warm and engaging smile.

Added to the comprehensive clinical toolbox of solutions - which includes traditional dentures; a cleverly designed suction denture which is held in place by tiny diaphragms creating a vacuum between the gums and teeth; and implant retained dentures - is a system known as All-on-4.

In this feature we take a snapshot of each procedure and in accessible language explain the clinical options available from Mr Burchell and his team.

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Transformations



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REMOVABLE DENTURES

ARE they real, or are they false? With cutting-edge technology it's hard to know the difference between natural teeth and clever dentures.

Clinic principal Steve Burchell, whose work has attracted interest from as far away as Spain, the Isle of Skye, Eastbourne and North Wales, is driving hard a message of hope, which is helping to change the image of false teeth and the people who wear them.

Mr Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), says: "It's my experience that there are too many people putting up with ill-fitting dentures. With lips that are pinched, lower dentures with excessive mobility allowing food ingress between the plate and the gums, sore spots and teeth that do not function well, it's no wonder so many wearers feel at a loss in their search for solutions to their problems.

But the clinician, who has earned a country-wide reputation as a 'smile mechanic', is buoyant about the future for solutions with dentures.

He passionately embraces what he calls "the denture revolution" offering traditional denture wearers precise fittings with the latest injection moulding techniques and natural-looking teeth that are functional too.

"We desperately want people to know there is a solution for most problems. The clinic has a vast wealth of experience to draw upon and we promise to give as much time as people need to resolve issues with the best clinical outcomes," Mr Burchell adds.

IMPLANT RETAINED

A GROWING number of satisfied patients have found a renewed confidence by ditching their traditional dentures for implant retained dentures.

The procedure that became an established form of dentistry in the United States in recent years can now be carried out with the Denture Clinic - and the transition can mean new teeth, which can function just as if they were your own.

Fixed with small titanium screw-like mechanisms that are set, and eventually fused into the bone, they act as an effective substitute for the roots of your missing teeth.

Implantologist, Mr Jon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the clinic has a long-established working relationship, undertakes all the surgical procedures.

Research reveals that as little as two dental implants in the lower jaw will significantly stabilise the prosthetic. A similar procedure can secure the upper teeth, normally with four implant fixings.

The dentures can be snapped on and off their fixings by the patient and provide a guaranteed solution for stabilisation problems.

Advantages include a harmonious fit with gums, the possibility of improved speech and taste, natural chewing function and bite, no more tilting and the end of pressure spot discomfort, restored chewing ability, improved diet, the end of further jaw bone erosion and the smile of your dreams.

ULTRA SUCTION



The Ultra Suction system is suitable for both upper and lower prosthetics

Suction offers a new solution

A cutting-edge development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered at the Denture Clinic.

The invention has the potential to improve the life quality of patients who have previously experienced long-term problems with ill-fitting dentures.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the dentures.

A clever diaphragms principle, triggered by the bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthetic.

Expectations

Mr Burchell, whose clinic attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, adds: "The denture revolution is evolving at a pace. In recent times we have seen what I can only describe as strident steps forward with implant-retained dentures coming into main-stream dentistry, clever technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and now the Ultra Suction product.

"Implant dentistry is not suitable for everyone, neither is it all patients' first preference. The beauty of this technology from New Zealand is that it offers excellent denture retainer qualities without surgery.

"We have always endeavoured to be on the very cusp of clinical development and this is another tool in our commitment to always try to deliver results which are greater than patient expectations," adds Mr Burchell.

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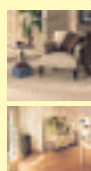
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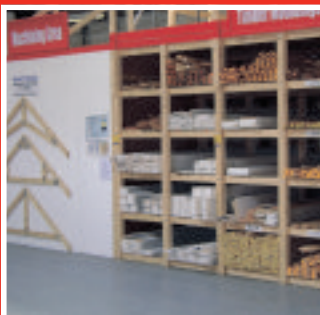
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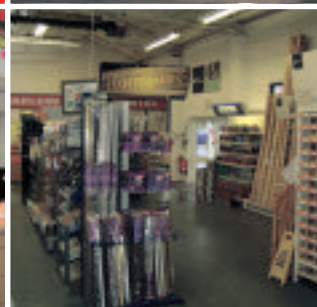


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Agony at death as hopes of draw end

A LAST-GASP goal spelled heartbreak for Tipton after they came from behind seemingly to force a draw against Kirby Muxloe.

But the visitors' late strike gave them a 2-1 win in the Midlands Alliance.

The home side had two players making debuts, Dan Bryson coming in for the suspended Mitchell Ploves and Daryl Westwood given his first start in place of Thomas Tonks.

Tipton started on the front foot, causing problems for the Kirby backline.

They were confident at the back with Jack Stone, Paul Henley and Jamie Parker coping well with the threat of Kirby's forwards.

With Leigh Downing in the 33rd minute and Max Black in the 38th putting chances wide, it seemed the game was heading for half-time stalemate.

But that changed when poor defending by Tipton allowed a back-header from a corner to find the unmarked Brett Darby to shoot past goalkeeper Neil Page from 12 yards.

A determined Tipton equalised in the 52nd minute when James Cooper's free-kick fell to Westwood, who took the shot first time and found the net.

The home team were on top and Black's shot was finger-tipped on to the post by Kirby keeper Tom Holyoak.

Yet Kirby snatched the winner when Darby beat Rory McFarlane to head in a cross.

Spot-kick Yeltz woe

BEN HASELEY marked his home Halesowen debut with a second goal in two games.

But it wasn't enough as the Yeltz missed a penalty and fell to a 2-1 home defeat against Paulton Rovers in Evo-Stik South Division One South and West.

The visitors had an escape when a close-range header from Nathan Jones struck the underside of the crossbar and was scrambled clear.

The Yeltz took a 22nd-minute lead when Jones put Haseley, signed from Heath Hayes, clear to stroke the ball past Kyle Phillips.

Phillips saved a 33rd-minute penalty from Jones and Paulton won it with goals from Ollie Price and Dan Cleverley.

Rosie outlook as Connolly hits winner

Stourport 2 Kettering 1

STOURPORT ladies hockey firsts controlled this game with good bustling play down the middle by Sarah Cavendish and Katie Miller.

They tried to pass through Kettering's defence from the back with both Kerry Maughan and Harriet Burns hitting searching balls towards their forwards.

Lora Symonds created a few solo runs and her skills saw her come close as did Sade Gerald only for the visitors' keeper to parry the ball away from close range.

The chances kept falling for Stourport with Jade Marshall-Walker unable to connect at the

far post, with a well hit searching cross from Symonds. Despite the pressure, the half remained goalless. The visitors came out after the break with all guns blazing but Maughan and Harriet Burns managed to keep them at bay with their defence.

Stourport finally broke the deadlock through a well-worked team move leading to Symonds striking home the ball.

Then Jodi Vincent scored a second after an amazing run by Pippa Lewis. Kettering scored a late goal but Stourport held on.

Stourport 1 Worcester 0

A second-half goal gave the

Stourport hockey

fourths a 1-0 victory over visitors Worcester thirds in the last friendly before the league resumes. Worcester came at the home team hard in the opening 10 minutes.

But Stourport were able to hold their own with joint players of the match Midge Bradley and Sophie Baron covering the right and left side of the pitch.

Stourport came out fighting in the second half. The home side took the lead when Lou Bagnall, making a quick break from a short

corner, switched the ball to Teresa Moss.

She in turn moved the ball across the Worcester D to Rosie Connolly who finished off the move to give the home side victory.

Worcester 2 Stourport 0

Despite battling hard throughout, Stourport ladies fifths were unable to keep out their hosts, Worcester fourths, as they succumbing to two second-half goals.

Worcester forced the pace from the first hit back but encountered stiff opposition from a Stourport defence who refused to give an inch to the Worcester forwards.

As the half progressed, Stour-

port began to claw their way back into the match as they made inroads into the Worcester defence.

But Worcester replied in kind and it was no surprise that one of Stourport's joint players of the match was keeper Gemma Robinson.

Despite the efforts of Stourport's other player of the match, Mary O'Brien, in the second half the visitors were unable to clear the ball effectively through their midfield.

The Worcester goals arrived close together midway through the half.

Champ Jan O is back at Heathens

SPEEDWAY great Jan O Pedersen wants to play his part in developing the next British world champion after rejoining the Heathens.

Pedersen, who won the world title in 1991, has agreed to become coach of the Dudley club and is moving back to England from his Danish base.

And the former Cradley star wants to see British youngsters reach the top and start to challenge the rising stars from Australia, Poland and Scandinavia.

He said: "I care passionately about British racing because this is where I spent so much of my life."

"Obviously I want Denmark to do well but Britain is also home to me and it saddens me seeing the lack of British riders at the top level of the sport."

"I'm so pleased to have this opportunity to go back to the club where I started my career, even though they now ride at Wolverhampton in the National League."

"If we can be successful and develop the youngsters at the club it will benefit the fans and I still believe most of the fans are from the old Cradley days."

Focus

"The main target is for the club to find a track of their own and if we can help by being successful then that's good."

"Will Pottinger is a good young guy to have as manager and I will focus on working closely with the riders, advising them on their technique and set-ups, that's where I feel I can help."

"I'm quite sure Will and myself can work together very well and I look forward to seeing all the Heathens fans again this season. It will be nice to be a part of something special."

"It's great to see a Heathens team back on track and to be honest the level of support doesn't surprise me."

"They're so passionate about their club and if ever a group of supporters deserve success and a track of their own then this is it."

"They gave me a great welcome at the Golden Hammer last July, I really enjoyed that, and now I hope to help the team with the benefit of my experience."

Pottinger is excited by Pedersen's appointment.

He said: "This is a great opportunity for me to work with someone of Jan O's experience."

HARRIERS took a crucial win at Alfreton Town – but they left it very late.

The home side had to play the entire second half on Saturday with just 10 men following the dismissal of Louis Moutt on half-time.

But Kidderminster had to be patient to break them down. Finally new signing Anthony Malbon, who joined from Newcastle Town the day before, netted a 90th-minute opener before a second from Jamille Matt sealed the points.

Harriers assistant boss Gary Whild was quick to acknowledge Malbon's contribution following his appearance from the bench for the final 15 minutes.

"He had one chance and he took it," said whild. "If he carries on like that he's going to be a useful acquisition."

Harriers' controlled display left the home side working hard to close down, but the visitors were wasteful in front of goal, especially in the first period.

Reckless

Luke Jones, Dan Bradley, Nick Wright and Kyle Storer all forced saves out of keeper Dan Lowson as Harriers looked to maintain their push for a play-off place.

On the stroke of half-time, Moutt's reckless two-footed challenge on Storer earned him a red card, which prompted a series of ill-disciplined actions from the home team.

Lowson was called into action early in the second half to tip over a header from Harriers skipper Mike Williams.

The game appeared to be drifting towards a goalless

Alfreton Town 0 Kidderminster 2

draw, but with normal time coming to a close, Bradley raced clear down the right and crossed for Malbon, who netted with a first-time shot that went under Lowson.

The Harriers fans did not have long to wait to celebrate a second goal which saw the team climb to fifth in the table.

Three minutes into time added on, Harriers broke from their own area.

Callum Gittings sent Steve Guinan away down the left and the experienced marksman delivered a pinpoint pass into the path of Matt.

The in-form striker steadied himself before slotting the ball wide of the advancing keeper.

Alfreton Town: Lowson, Law, Franklin, Young, Quinn, Arnold (Clayton 90), J. Moutt (A. Wilson), Mullan, Streete, Jarman, L. Moutt. Subs not used: M. Wilson, Franks, Clay.

Kidderminster: Breedon, Sharpe (Malbon 75), Demetriou, Jones, Williams Mike, Bradley, Hendrie (Gittings 84), Storer, McQuillin (Guinan 60), Wright, Matt. Subs not used: Lyness (90), Briscoe.

Shillingford sprints in to launch record blitz



Dudley Kingswinford's Stefan Shillingford runs in the first of his side's 21 tries in their 137-0 home win against Manchester. The huge victory set a DK club record – and backs crossed for 17 of the scores.

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Robins' run is ended late on

A LATE two-goal smash and grab job from Cradley Town ended Dudley Town's unbeaten run in dramatic fashion with a 2-1 away win in the West Midlands Premier.

However the game was marred 15 minutes in by a sickening injury to The Robins' recent signing Luke Morton who broke a leg.

Cradley started the game the brighter of the two sides with bustling centre forward Daniel Dickson-McKenzie dragging a shot wide.

Sadly, on 15 minutes an innocuous tussle for a high ball with Dickson-McKenzie saw Morton fall awkwardly, badly breaking his right tibia.

The game was held up for over half an hour for the medical crews to get the former Bala Town man comfortable and off to hospital.

Dudley resumed with a new sense of purpose and went close five minutes after the re-start. A neat piece of play from Ben Store and substitute Ross Love set up Anthony Cox who could only drill the ball into the hands of Matt Jones.

Substitute Dreniz Bala put the Robins ahead from Cox's cross. Dudley had further chances but found keeper Jones in fine form.

Cradley pinched the win when Sean Williams scored on 88 minutes and Dickson-McKenzie netted two minutes into injury time.

Shattering of Glassboys

STOURBRIDGE went down 4-2 at Chesham in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division.

Stourbridge were trailing after just seven minutes. Sam Smith's weak back-header to Lewis Solly found only James Potton who clipped the ball beyond the stranded keeper.

On 35 minutes, Ryan Mahon found Leon Broadhurst, who swept the ball forward towards Ryan Rowe and then popped up to hook in Rowe's cross for the equaliser. In the second minute of stoppage time, Stourbridge took the lead through Nathan Bennett.

But Chesham levelled virtually from the restart through Steve Wales and Leon Archer struck the decisive goal in the 67th minute. They wrapped up victory three minutes from time through Bruce Wilson.

Mabon signed after bid for Rowe falls flat

by Craig Birch

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers have signed Newcastle Town hot-shot Anthony Mabon – but only after they moved for Stourbridge striker Ryan Rowe.

With Harriers in the market for a striker last week, boss Steve Burr spoke with Stourbridge counterpart Gary Hackett about the 16-goal hitman.

But the two sides were unable to strike a deal for the 23-year-old, who has also been watched by Walsall. The Glassboys aren't under any pressure to sell.

Rowe and Stourbridge came to national

attention during the club's FA Cup run this season.

The Glassboys' endeavours added almost £100,000 to the coffers at the War Memorial Ground.

Harriers then switched their attentions to Mabon, scorer of 30 goals already this season for Town, who ply their trade one level below Stourbridge.

So it's Mabon not Rowe who gets his chance at full-time football after a £7,000

move, with the 20-year-old signing an 18-month deal at Aggborough.

Burr said: "We have brought him here with the right intentions, just as we have a number of lads in the past, and hope he can do well for us."

"A number of clubs were interested in him but we have gone in and got him," added the manager.

While Stourbridge dug their heels in, Newcastle Town wouldn't stand in the player's way of a shot at the professional game. Mabon is already off the mark after

a stoppage time goal on Saturday at Alfreton.

And Burr hailed all the parties that made the move happen.

He said: "I must say that Newcastle Town dealt with things in a very professional way. Their manager felt that the lad needed the opportunity to test himself at a higher level and is pleased he has the chance to do that here."

"The club and everyone were great to work with and that approach is very refreshing."

Visitors prove too strong for Carolians

KIDDERMINSTER Carolians competed well in a home friendly against Bromsgrove's second string but lost 4-1, despite several late changes.

Overall the visitors were just that little bit too strong and ran out comfortable winners, outscoring their hosts by eight tries to two, **writes Martin Easton.**

Bromsgrove opened the scoring with a try after seven minutes but KCs soon drew level with a try by openside Rob Delahay who went on to have an outstanding match.

With half-time approaching the visitors ran in a try under the posts, duly converted, for a 12-5 lead and in an inexplicable nine minutes of injury time added two more, one converted, for a 24-5 lead which gave the scoreboard a lopsided look.

In the second half KCs continued to play some good rugby but Bromsgrove's cutting edge saw them cross the whitewash three times in 35 minutes and although they could add only one conversion in the windy conditions they had now stretched their lead to 41-5.

Winger Will Varley hit back with a try, converted by Andy McLellan, but on the final whistle Bromsgrove underlined their superiority with another converted try.

KCs return to league action on Saturday with a home fixture against Silhillians.

Ghent will face Ryan

COSELEY'S Tommy Ghent will square off with Walsall's Joel Ryan when they open the Prizefighter show at Wolverhampton Civic Hall next month.

They will contest four rounds at welterweight in front of the Sky Sports cameras in the prelude to the tournament on February 11.

"Tommy Gun" is a "Prizefighter Prospect", signed to Matchroom, and will face a capable opponent in 21-year-old Ryan.

He beat the then-reigning Midlands welterweight champion, Sean McKervey, in a non-title affair last March.

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OLYMPIC HOPEFUL IS IN WITH A FIGHT

SAMURAI Judo Club's Kate Walker beat her Olympic rival for the second time running at the British Senior Closed Championships – but this year by a wider margin than in 2011.

Only the very best senior British players are invited to the event. As last year, Kidderminster's Walker had three contests against 'the best of the rest' and won with ease.

Scotland's Charlotte Potter was dispatched for maximum points in the first minute at the EIS Sheffield with a superb dummy into Walker's trademark rear throw.

Southern England's Samantha Dobrowski was taken to the floor and beaten easily by a strangle and Jodie Mullen, another Scot who Walker beat in the final of the Scottish Open, was thrown backwards for a high score and finished off on the ground again within a minute.

That left Walker to face the player who is now her sole Olympic rival, Faith Pitman from Essex.

Defence

From the start, Walker dominated the gripping, giving her opponent no chance at all to attack, while at the same time putting in a series of strong attacks.

Pitman picked up two penalties for excessive defence and not attacking and these were enough for Walker to record a comfortable victory.

Her last contest was made somewhat irrelevant against double Olympian Sarah Clarke, who will compete in London at a different weight group.

Walker again dominated the first half of the contest and Clarke picked up a penalty for dropping, but later on she began to come back and with just seconds to go gained a low score to edge the contest.

As a result, Walker picked

Samurai judo

up the silver. As Clarke had lost to a player Walker had already beaten it was very close, with the number of wins equal between the two and Clarke racking up 37 points to her rival's 35.

Walker's coach Andrew Haffner said: "Kate looked strong and well focused."

"The Olympic place won't be decided on this result, and she still has ground to catch up after missing so much time last year with her shoulder injury."

"But she has given herself a fighting chance."

"She conceded only one score in the entire competition but, more importantly was scoring well herself and creating good openings."

Next up for Walker is a series of east European contests, the Bulgarian Open, Hungarian Open and Polish Open.

Three Samurai players were invited to the British Senior Closed Championships. Sarah Biles could not compete due to family illness but Charis Hancocks also qualified for the first time.

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Samurai judo star Kate Walker, top, forces a stranglehold win over Samantha Dobrowski

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